

NEGRO DIES BY FIRE.

Murderer of a Woman Burned at the Stake in Kentucky.

HUSBAND LEADS THE AVENGERS.

Wretch Taken from the Courthouse at Maysville by a Mob Just as He is Brought from Covington for Trial. Worse Than Savages.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 7.—Richard Coleman (colored) confessed murdering Mrs. James Lashbrook, wife of his employer, and expiated his crime in daylight yesterday at the hands of a mob, consisting of thousands of citizens, by burning at the stake, after suffering torture and fright beyond anticipation.

The dreadful spectacle occurred on the peaceful cricket grounds on the outskirts of this, one of the oldest and among the proudest cities of Kentucky. The barbarities inflicted upon this young negro by citizens of one of the most highly civilized cities of the state are almost beyond belief, and could only be accounted for by the intense feeling created by long consideration of the atrocious crime, of which a full confession had been made by Coleman. Just two months ago Richard Coleman, the trusted employe of Farmer James Lashbrook, in a moment of depravity and savagery not equaled in the annals of crime, murdered the woman who had been his benefactor. Coleman was not only employed on the farm, but had been installed as a servant and was trusted implicitly by both Mr. Lashbrook and his wife. On the day of the murder Mr. Lashbrook was at work some distance away from the house. Coleman was left in charge of the house. Mrs. Lashbrook had driven to Maysville and returned, when Coleman asked her to enter the cabin to look at some work at which he had been engaged. The negro locked the door on the inside. Mrs. Lashbrook became frightened and screamed. Coleman struck her on the head, knocking her down, but not stopping her cries. He then seized a razor and cut her throat. He picked up the bleeding body and placed it on the bed. He then left the room, but returning, heard her still groaning and with an ax he struck her repeatedly on the head until he was sure she was dead. Without any show of alarm or remorse for his crime the negro calmly washed the blood from his hands and clothing and went to where Mr. Lashbrook was at work in the field and told him that he had better come to the house, as some one had killed his wife. Mr. Lashbrook did not take the matter seriously until Coleman insisted that his wife was dead. Even then, so great was the confidence of Mr. Lashbrook in Coleman, that no thought occurred that he was the murderer. It was not until the officers arrived that suspicion was directed against Coleman. Bloodspots had been found on his clothing, but he accounted for that by saying that he had been killing chickens. That night, however, at Maysville, a partial confession was obtained and knowing the result if that fact should become known, the officers quickly took him to Covington for safe keeping. He was indicted for the murder. Shortly after his incarceration at Covington he made a complete and horrible confession of his crime to the jailer. The story of his revolting crime, including worse than murder, was told without any appearance of feeling by the prisoner. This confession becoming public, roused a feeling of indignation against the prisoner among the relatives and friends of the victim and it was morally certain that the officers of the law would be unable to prevent a summary vengeance at the first opportunity. Still the authorities at Maysville did not act upon that basis. There was no call upon the governor for troops to protect the prisoner.

Arrival at Maysville. Coleman arrived here under a special guard of deputies sworn in by the sheriff. When they reached the court house they were met by a mob of fully 1,000 people, headed by James Lashbrook, the husband of the murdered woman. The mob took him from the officers and went immediately up Second street through the central portion of the city to the hill, followed by a throng of fully 5,000 persons.

The place of execution had been selected weeks ago, in accordance with all the other arranged details of the program, mapped out by the leaders of the mob. The prisoner was dragged to the scaffold and strapped against the tree, facing the husband of the victim. Large quantities of dry brush and larger bunches of wood were piled around him while he was praying for speedy death. James Lashbrook, the husband of the victim, applied the first match to the brush wood. A brother of the victim struck the second match. Someone with a knife was slashing at the prisoner's chest. By a sort of cruel concurrence of action on the part of the mob, not a single shot was fired. The purpose seemed to give the wretch the greatest possible amount and duration of torture. A fatal shot would have been merciful, but there was no mercy in the crowd surrounding Richard Coleman. As the flames arose, his horrors increased. He made vain efforts to withdraw his limbs from the encroaching fire; his eyes rolled in a frenzy of suffering. The ropes, securing him to the tree, were burned and his body finally fell forward on the burning pile. Even then, although it was not certain whether he was living or dead, the vengeful purpose of the crowd led them to use rails and long poles to push his body back into the flames. It is not certain how long he lasted. During the process, while his voice could be heard, he begged for a drink of water, his tongue protruding and his eyeballs fairly starting from his head. At the end of three

hours the body was practically cremated. During all that time members of the family of Mrs. Lashbrook had remained in position where it would continue to burn. At that time a nephew of Mrs. Lashbrook was pushing the body onto the burned embers, while a curious crowd of several thousand persons still lingered on the scene. During the march through the city the prisoner's eyes had been burned out with acid thrown from an egg shell. In all the thousands that composed the mob there was not a single attempt to conceal identity. No man wore a mask. All the leaders of the mob are well known and there are hundreds of witnesses who can testify to their participation in the tragedy. They are leading citizens in all lines of business and many are members of churches.

County Judge Harbeson will empanel a special grand jury at once to make a speedy investigation and return indictments against the leaders of the mob. There is a strong feeling that no punishment will result from this tragedy.

WANT A NATIONAL FLAG LAW

Committee Flooding Congressmen and Senators With Petitions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Charles Kingsbury Miller, chairman of the flag committees of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of Colonial Wars in Illinois, and an executive member of the American Flag association of New York, has forwarded to every representative and senator at Washington a document appealing for the enactment of a law for the protection of the flag and to prohibit its use for advertising or commercial purposes. The petition, which is headed "Desecration of the American Flag, Our National Disgrace," is accompanied by endorsements from hundreds of public men, including ex-presidents of the United States, members of the cabinet and senators, soldiers and many others. All of the communications are strong endorsements of a flag law and call upon congress to enact such a measure without delay. It is said a united movement will be made at this session of congress to secure the passage of a flag law.

START OPPOSITION TOWN.

Promoters of the Nebraska and Gulf Railroad Getting Even With Henderson.

HENDERSON, Neb., Dec. 7.—Promoters of the Nebraska and Gulf railroad have been here soliciting donation of a right-of-way, sale of railroad stock and money with which to pay for the survey through this place. The business men here refused to subscribe a cent. In consequence the promoters are running a survey a few miles west of here, where it is their intention to start an opposition town. The citizens of Sutton are taking stock, granting right-of-way and are reported to be putting up for the cost of the survey.

OTOE LAND DISPUTE ENDED.

Terms on Which the Purchasers Must Settle With Indians.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 7.—Word was received here to the effect that the Otoe reservation lands matter had been settled and that the contract between settlers and Indians had been signed and filed in Washington. It is stated that the basis of agreement is that the settlers are to pay the appraised value of the lands plus 25 per cent and interest at 5 per cent for the entire time that payments have been delinquent. The total amount the settlers will have to pay is \$109,800.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR HAYWARD.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 7.—Funeral services of the late Senator M. L. Hayward will be held at the family residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. H. L. House, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, where the senator has been a regular attendant for many years, will conduct the obsequies. The interment will be in Wyuka cemetery. Word was received from the war department to the effect that a cablegram had been sent to Dr. Edwin P. Hayward at Manila, notifying him of his father's death.

Bible in the Public Schools.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 7.—The writ of mandamus applied for by Daniel Freeman to compel the discontinuance of the reading of the bible and singing sacred songs in the public school of district No. 21, Gage county, was denied by Judge Letton yesterday. The case has been on hearing before the district court the last two days. The plaintiff will probably take an appeal to the supreme court.

Preacher and Wife Shot by a Burglar.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 7.—Rev. David B. Cheney of the First Baptist church and his wife were shot by a burglar yesterday at their home on Lake avenue. Mrs. Cheney was shot in the breast. Mr. Cheney was shot in the abdomen and in the center of the breast. Both are in a critical condition. The desperate burglar escaped. Rev. Cheney for several years was president of the A. P. A. of the state.

Dinsmore Charged With Killing Lane.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 7.—Frank L. Dinsmore, husband of one of the victims in the mysterious Lane-Dinsmore tragedy at Odessa, is now in jail here. He is charged with the murder of Fred Lane, who was found dead in the house jointly occupied by the Dinsmore and Lane families.

Guatemala Has Another Revolution. New York, Dec. 7.—News has reached here of another revolutionary outbreak in Guatemala. Few details are obtainable as yet, but it is known that the movement so far is confined to the northern portion of the country near the Mexican border line.

South Dakota is Shaken.

MILLER, S. D., Dec. 7.—An earthquake shock was felt here and at Faulkton yesterday. It was the first ever noticed in this section.

STILL PLUGGING AWAY

Boers Making It Uncomfortable for Ladysmith.

DETERMINED TO TAKE THE CITY.

Attacking Forces Train New Heavy Gun on the Town With Very Disastrous Effects—Delayed Dispatches Tell the Story—British Losses at Kimberley.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Again there is a complete lull in news from the seat of war. Ladysmith has established heliographic communication with Freere and it is reported that all was well up to Sunday. A dispatch from the Boer laager dated Nov. 30 confirms the report that the commandoes have been closing in on Ladysmith and mounting big guns in new positions.

According to the same advices a heavy cannonade has been maintained and a general assault had been ordered for Thursday morning, but was countermanded at the last moment.

Modder river dispatches say that the Boers are encamped amid the hills half way to Kimberley, but it is also asserted that a large body of the enemy has gone in the direction of Jacobsdahl. It is possible that Lord Methuen may endeavor to clear his right flank as far as Jacobsdahl before continuing his advance.

The sortie from Kimberley Nov. 25 appears to have been much more serious than had been supposed. Details are now arriving of a reconnaissance in force by mounted troops under Colonel Scott-Turner at dawn near Carter's farm, where the Boers were strongly entrenched. Finding the Boer pickets asleep Colonel Scott-Turner proceeded along the ridge under cover and rushed the Boer redoubts at 5:25 a. m., in the face of a hail of bullets.

The Boers hoisted a white flag and fired at the British under its protection before surrendering. Owing possibly to the exhaustion of their ammunition, the British were unable to follow up the attack and to secure a large Boer laager about 300 yards ahead, especially as Boer reinforcements were seen approaching and the enemy was keeping up a heavy fire from the shelter of the thick bush. During the sortie 10 guns were engaged simultaneously, and, viewed from the conning tower, an artillery duel seemed proceeding in every direction, except toward Kenilworth, the fusillade being terrific. At 8 o'clock, having no force sufficient to hold the position he stormed, Colonel Scott-Turner began gradually retiring his men. He had a horse shot under him and a bullet went through the fleshy part of his shoulder.

Several of the men had terrible wounds. It is alleged the Boers used Martinis and explosive bullets, and they frequently fired at the British ambulance wagons. The British captured 28 of the enemy.

A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Dec. 2, says: The hottest bombardment of the siege took place last Thursday. The Boers got a new big gun in position on Lombard's kop, commanding the town, and shelled our camp that day and yesterday, planting shells with great accuracy in the camp of the Gordon Highlanders and the Manchester regiment, where there were many narrow escapes. Today the enemy resumed the bombardment, doing some very effective shooting. Several of our guns have been shattered by the Boer big gun.

The Boers have become very active in the country around Stormberg Junction, to which General Gatacre will make his next move. Firing has been heard in the direction of Stormberg, probably between General Gatacre's vanguard and the Boer commando.

STRIPES ONLY FOR THE BAD.

Board of Control Adopts Grade System for Iowa Convicts' Dress.

DES MOINES, Dec. 7.—The state board of control has adopted the grade system of clothing for inmates of penitentiaries and contracts for the various grades of woollens were closed today. The new system will go into effect January 1 and it is expected that within a few months thereafter all the convicts will be equipped with the apparel to which their conduct entitles them.

There will be three grades of convicts under the new system. Those that are exemplary in their conduct will be clothed in suits of softest wool, in which no stripes appear. Those guilty of an occasional infraction of the rules will be provided with clothing of less expensive material and have stripes of a subdued color. Vicious and unruly convicts, who make no attempt to conform to the rules of the prison, will continue to wear the black and white.

Revenue Collector After Remley.

DES MOINES, Dec. 7.—Revenue Collector Kirkpatrick came here yesterday with instructions from the department to start proceedings against Attorney General Remley, to compel him to place a documentary revenue stamp on his official bond. The attorney general has been repeatedly informed that he must do so or suffer the law's penalty. He has declined to do so, maintaining that the bond is a government document and cannot be taxed by the government. The amount is only 50 cents, but Mr. Remley refuses to give in, and has declared he will fight to the end for the principle. There are about 500 cases of similar violations in this county and the attorney general is to be dealt with first, because of his official prominence.

Yaquis Forced to Retreat.

ORTIZ, Mex., Dec. 7.—A courier has just arrived here from the scene of the Yaqui war with dispatches from General Torres for the war department. The courier reports that the fighting between the Yaqui Indians and General Torres' troops ceased Nov. 28, the Indians retreating toward Tonichi.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

A. N. Yost of Omaha is in the city.

M. T. Brown of Tilden is a Norfolk visitor today.

Dr. C. Sackett of Laurel visited in the city yesterday.

Griff Perdue and family have gone to Nolin, North Carolina.

Miss Agnes Shannon of Hoskins was a city visitor yesterday.

W. W. Roberts came home from Humphrey last evening.

W. M. Robertson went to Madison this morning on business.

Carl Zander and wife of Stanton were taking in the city yesterday.

Ulrich Matthews, a groceryman of Madison was in the city yesterday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Bear will entertain the West Side Whist club tomorrow evening.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hideman, living three miles northwest of town, a daughter.

Guy Alexander, Clyde Hayes and Paul Sisson made a trip to Hoskins yesterday morning.

S. R. Long's residence contains telephone No. 106, instead of 92 as announced yesterday.

L. R. Prichard is in the city from Meadow Grove visiting friends and attending to business.

Emil Winter of Madison was here yesterday to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Winter, jr.

Mrs. F. Sporn, living east of the Junction, who has been sick for some time with dropsy, is reported in a serious condition.

Miss Grace Hammond, a teacher in the Lincoln school, was called to Plainview yesterday on account of sickness in her family.

Company F. First regiment, N. N. G., which is stationed at Madison, will be mustered into the service on next Tuesday, the 12th.

The regular Thursday evening entertainment at the hospital for the insane has been postponed out of respect to the late Senator Hayward.

Herman Sattler left today for Baltimore where he goes to visit his children, who have been living at that place since the death of their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mapes, who have been visiting here, have now gone to Madison to visit for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Willis McBride.

M. B. Smith of Sioux City was in town over night interviewing E. A. Bullock on the foundry deal, mention of which was made last week.

Mrs. M. L. Child, who has been visiting her brother, C. G. Dolen for the past month, departed this morning for St. Joseph, Mo., to visit friends.

Remember the 10 cent social to be given this evening at the home of E. W. Stevens by the Baptist Young People's union. Everybody invited to attend.

John Quick has been suffering for the past two weeks with a well developed carbuncle on his neck. The eruption is much better now, however.

Frank V. Smith and family have removed here from Atlantic, Iowa, and have taken a house on South Ninth street. Mr. Smith will establish a carpet weaving business.

F. F. Miller, deputy grand master workman of the A. O. U. W., came in last evening from a successful trip in the interests of the order. He left again this morning for Newman Grove.

The shoe store of Gus A. Bluek of Winside was burglarized Tuesday night and about 50 pairs of shoes were taken besides about \$15 in cash from the safe. The empty boxes were replaced on the shelves.

Charles Toler has returned from Sydney where he has been employed by Owen Brothers in their railroad work and has accepted the position in the grocery store of G. W. Box, which he held before going west.

A new course of study for the public schools of the city, better adapted to the work than the one the schools have been working under, has been adopted by the board of education, and is about ready to go to the printer.

A number of the flags were displayed at half-mast from the business houses and public buildings of Norfolk this afternoon in honor of the late Senator Hayward and in accordance with the proclamation of Governor Poynter.

A telephone office was opened yesterday at Osmond and it is now ready for business. At that place, as well as at Pierce and Plainview, there will be party lines put, in consisting of 10 numbers each. Manager Sprecher will go up in a few days to complete arrangements for subscribers.

The Knights of the Maccabees at their meeting last night elected the following officers who will be installed at the first meeting in January: H. C. Truman, C.; C. O. Manweller, L. C.; S. R. McFarland, R. and P. C.; G. H. Marquardt, Chaplain; C. F. Platz, Serg.; O. W. Rish, M. A.; G. W. Kurrock, 1st M. G.; Fred Sidler, 2nd M. G.; Fred Linderode, S.; G. A. Kuhl, P.; M. F. Slawter takes the chair of P. C. Two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the order.

The Joshua Simpkins company presented "T'ris, the Belle of Blue Canyon," a drama of western life, at Mar-

quardt's hall last evening to a good-sized audience and the performance was very well executed and pleasing to the patrons. The play was a little late in starting, owing to the fact that Deputy Sheriff Koenigstein levied on the box office for a debt due a member of the company. Everything proceeded nicely after this difficulty was adjusted. The company went from here to Plainview where they were billed for an engagement.

The old project of a Nebraska and Gulf railroad has again been revived, this time the information coming from Hastings that such a line is to be constructed right away. The line will start from apoint in Knox county on the Missouri river opposite the town of Running Water, says the report from Hastings, thence south through the counties of Knox, Pierce, Antelope, Madison, Boone, Platte, Nance, Merrick, Polk, Hamilton, York, Fillmore, Clay, Adams, Nuckolls and Thayer to the boundary lines of Kansas and Nebraska. The railroad will be in the interest of the farmers whose land it will cross, as they are to receive shares in the railroad for the right of way and for the work they do in grading the road. The report further says that a surveying party has already left Hastings for Edgar, where they will begin surveying the road.

TIME TO WAKE UP.

Committee Must Begin to Arrange Details for the State Firemen's Association.

The meeting of the executive committee of the state firemen's association, which was to have been held last evening, can hardly be said to have been a success. There were enough present for a quorum, however, and the meeting was called to order by C. E. Hartford, chairman.

On motion the secretary was instructed to have the list of names of the different committees published for the purpose of notifying them to be present at the next meeting of the executive committee, which will be held on Wednesday evening, December 13, with the request that those who are not in position to fill the places assigned them will report to the executive committee so that others may be appointed. The following are the names of the various committees who have been selected to look after the details of the state firemen's association which meets here on January 16, 1900:

Committee on opera: H. H. Patterson, M. D. Tyler, J. Koenigstein, R. H. Reynolds, C. E. Hartford.

Committee on printing souvenirs and badges: E. Grant, H. Klug, F. K. Fulton, C. E. Hartford.

Committee on decoration: W. L. Kern, W. Klug, E. Grant, C. Learman, E. R. Hayes, E. R. Alexander, A. Willie E. Pribenow, R. H. Reynolds.

Committee on reception: J. J. Clements, H. H. Patterson, R. H. Reynolds, W. Hemleben, E. Brackett, O. Zuelow, G. A. Stapenhorst, J. H. Conley, C. Jackson, J. Krantz, F. Sidler, O. Backel, H. C. Truman, E. R. Alexander, A. Koenigstein, D. Smith, J. Vandorn, J. Wright.

Committee on entertainment: C. E. Hartford, H. Winter, A. Degner, R. H. Reynolds, J. Clements, P. Karo, D. Smith, M. Moolick, F. W. Juneman, J. W. Edwards, R. Blatt, E. Grant, H. Klug, J. H. Conley, J. A. Rainey, E. Rasely, H. C. Matrau, W. L. Kern, C. R. Campman, D. Smith, C. A. Fuller, J. L. Decker, R. Chrischillis.

Committee on music: W. L. Kern, S. McFarland, H. A. Pasewalk, C. A. Fuller.

Committee on purchasing: C. E. Hartford, H. Winter, H. A. Pasewalk, W. L. Kern.

Committee on program: H. Winter, C. E. Hartford, W. L. Kern, G. A. Stapenhorst, P. Karo, S. E. Brackett, H. C. Truman, M. Moolick.

References are frequently made in the telegrams from Manila to Aguinaldo's "seat of government," but so far as we are acquainted with the facts his government hasn't sat down for more than six months.

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Southern Literature. Interesting literature regarding the South is now being distributed by the Southern Railway—"Southern Homes" folders, large map folders, "Land of the Sky" booklets, Southern Fields, "Minerals and Mines" books, etc., mailed free to any address. "The Empire of the South," a very handsome volume of about 200 pages, profusely illustrated, also issued by the Southern Railway, and sent to any address upon receipt of 25 cents, which amount approximates cost of delivery. Address—

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